

BOOK INQUIRY  
IS CONCLUDED

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and the prices charged by Putnam could be made uniform. It was taken in view of the fact that the books were bought from Putnam in lump.

Assistant Librarian B. S. Evans was the first witness. He reiterated his testimony that he had called Mr. Kennedy's attention to overcharges on certain books.

He went again into the history-writing episode. He swore that Mr. Kennedy told him that a publisher had offered him \$2,500 to write a history of Virginia, and had sent him a check for \$500 which he had returned.

"I asked him who it was and he replied, 'I am not saying.'"

"I asked if it was Silver, Burdette & Company, and he said 'No; it was Putnam.' Mr. Kennedy told me he had talked the matter over when in New York, and had consulted some friends with reference to the matter."

"Witness was positive as to the whole conversation, which he said he had not gone fully into in his former testimony."

"Now as to my loyalty to this institution," he went on, "it stating the truth as a subpoenaed witness in this investigation is disloyalty, then I am disloyal. If disagreeing with Mr. Kennedy as to the prices of books is disloyalty, I am disloyal. If these do not constitute disloyalty, then I am loyal to the interests of the State Library."

## Was Given an Order.

"Have you had any order from Mr. Kennedy since this investigation started not to buy any more books from Bell?"

"Yes, sir."

"Please state how it came about."

"I went to Mr. Kennedy and asked him about buying some books. I asked him if I should get them from Bell. His answer was: 'Well, buy no more books from Bell. I want to see what the Library Board has to say about buying books from the North.'"

Answering Mr. Meredith on cross-examination, Mr. Kennedy said he had not ordered not to buy books from Bell. He said that he had not applied to Virginia books, as all of them came from the Richmond house. Mr. W. C. Torrence was recalled and asked about the number and condition of the books in the library. He said there was one complete set, and one second volume of another. The full set was in good condition and the single volume not so good.

A second complete set of Burk was needed in the library, both for teaching purposes, and to meet the demands of the public. He was quite sure that Mr. Kennedy had not ordered.

## Berkeley Demonstrates.

Mr. F. B. Berkeley took the stand, and said he would undertake to defend himself against the charges of ignorance of the quality of books and improper motives in testifying, made by Mr. Kennedy. He reiterated that a great many of the 108 novels which Mr. Kennedy paid ninety-five cents each were overcharged. Mr. Berkeley here put in evidence two books designed to sustain his contention. One was "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" and the other "The Plum Tree." He said he bought them over the counter at Hunter and Company's book store for fifty cents each. They were held to be identical with those for which Mr. Kennedy paid ninety-five cents each. The former book was a reprint and the latter an original copy. They both sold at first for \$1.50 apiece.

"I introduce this evidence," said the witness, "to show that I am not a diabolically ignorant fool, and the other says I am. I have discovered some things in the line of overcharges, and if I am as ignorant as he says I am, I do not see how I could know anything of the subject."

Mr. Berkeley was about to go into matters which related to some of Mr. Kennedy's personal references to him, when Chairman Byrd interposed and cut him off.

"I submit, Mr. Chairman," he said, "but I have been run over and ripped up the back and down the front so much, that I thought I would like to have the opportunity to defend myself."

The witness was reminded, as had been Mr. Evans, that Mr. Kennedy had retracted all references of a personal nature, and he "retired in good order."

## Mrs. Minor Testifies.

The next witness called by the committee was Mrs. Kate Pleasant Minor, examined by Chairman Byrd.

Q. Are you employed in the Virginia State Library?

A. I am, sir.

Q. What is your position there?

A. Reference Librarian.

Q. Did you have any suggestions, advice or directions from Librarian Mr. John P. Kennedy, in reference to purchasing books from the Bell Book and Stationery Company or any other Richmond dealer during the progress of this investigation?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Please state what it was.

A. Do you want me to state the first instructions or the last?

Q. You better state them all, and state the time, as near as you can.

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## FIGURED IN BOOK INQUIRY YESTERDAY.



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we could have two copies of books by every Virginia author, and that we had been in the habit of ordering the editions from Mr. Bell, of the Bell Book and Stationery Company. I asked him if I could telephone down to Mr. Bell and order this particular book explaining that if I did so I could then send the one then in the library off at once.

He said no, that while he fully agreed with me it was necessary to have two copies of the book, he was unwilling I should order it from Mr. Bell, and that I should write at once to G. P. Putnam's Sons and tell them to send it at their earliest convenience. I repeated to him the fact that if I did that it would be impossible to furnish this out of town school with the copy, because I could not allow the one in the reading-room to go. He said, nevertheless, that was what he desired. February 4th when I wrote to Putnam, asking them to please let me have this book at their earliest convenience. They sent it, arriving some three days later.

## Only Virginia Books.

Again I had occasion to call Mr. Kennedy's attention to other books, also by Mr. Page, for which we had constant demand and had no copies in the library. I said "Mr. Kennedy, if you had not given me this order about Putnam, I would have telephoned at once to Bell, but since you have, I want to know what you want me to do?" He says, "We have a permanent contract with Bell to furnish two copies of every book by a Virginia author. That rule I obeyed until last Monday—Monday of this week. I went along with the series from Mr. Bell, but since you have, I want to know what you want me to do?" He says, "We have a permanent contract with Bell to furnish two copies of every book by a Virginia author. That rule I obeyed until last Monday—Monday of this week. I went along with the series from Mr. Bell, but since you have, I want to know what you want me to do?"

"I am not sure, but think it was 'Appeal to Arms.' Anyhow it was the twentieth volume of the American Nation Series. We had been buying the entire volume of the series from Mr. Bell. They came out at irregular intervals, and this one had come. I went to him, explaining that we had received the day before a box of books from Putnam which included this twentieth volume, and that we had already accessioned the book from Putnam. I asked what I should do with the book that came from Bell's, and his reply was 'Send it back to Bell immediately, and buy no books of any kind from Bell in the future.' He also said in December when he gave me the order about not buying the book, when I purchased the book the first time from Putnam: 'When this investigation is over it is probable that you will buy any further books from Putnam.'"

## Cross-Examined.

By Mr. Meredith:

Q. Did I understand you to say the first instructions you got was about the first of December?

A. The way I happen to know that fact—

Q. I do not dispute your knowledge, but just want to get the date right.

A. I should not be so accurate in my date, because my memory is not so good as to state accurately, except that I looked in the letter-file the other day and saw a copy of my letter to Putnam, which is dated the 3d of December.

Q. The other instruction you got last Monday?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. One day before this committee met?

A. Yes, sir; I suppose so; I got it on last Monday.

Q. I think the committee met here on Tuesday, and the day before the committee met, you state Mr. Kennedy told you not to buy any books from Bell?

A. He said to send that book back and to receive no further books from Bell.

Q. Was any instruction issued by the Librarian not to take any books from Mr. Bell until he had examined the account?

A. I do not understand you.

Q. I asked, were any instructions that kind given not to buy from Mr. Bell until he might examine the cost of it?

## Not in Her Line.

Q. Do you know whether any examinations have been made of the prices Mr. Bell has been charging for books?

A. I do not know anything about that. I have nothing to do with the accounts, and it is not likely I would know. It does not come under my department.

Q. I wondered if you knew about that. You don't know anything about an investigation of the charges made by Mr. Bell for books?

A. No, sir; that is not in my department. I know nothing about it.

Q. So the instruction you got not to buy any more books from Mr. Bell was on last Monday?

## By Mr. Kennedy:

Q. Mrs. Minor, was that the only book received that day of the American Nation Series?

A. That is the only book received from Bell.

Q. You state you had already received one from Putnam and accessioned it?

A. Yes, sir; that came in the day before.

Q. Please state what "accessioning" means; what do you do with a book?

A. Well, those particular books had come in a box from Putnam, and I stamped the date received. That is all I have to do with them. I am in the reference-room and my duties are in there, and end there. Then the books

become the property of Mr. Evans, who has them recorded in the accession book, and also recorded on the order card. There is an index card which is arranged by authors, and that is accessioning a book, which shows the number received. It is listed in successive numbers. This book that came from Putnam I think had been put on the table to be accessioned, and had been stamped with the library stamp date received.

By Mr. Meredith:

Q. That was done previous to Mr. Bell's book coming in?

A. Yes, sir.

## As to Library Stamp.

Mr. Kennedy, continuing:

Q. What is the library stamp?

A. I do not remember exactly. It is a "Virginia State Library" on the outside, and in the center "Received," and a blank space which holds the date.

Q. Had the title page been perforated "Virginia State Library"?

A. No, sir; that follows accessioning.

Q. It had not reached that point yet?

A. It had not been perforated. It has happened on one or two occasions when books have been received that way, on one I remember, that we returned it to the New York firm, being the one that came in latest, retaining the one that came in earliest, the latter one from Mr. Bell.

Q. Did I say to you, Mrs. Minor, on last Monday—you say that was the date, and I am sure you must be right about the date—not to buy any more books until I examined the bills?

A. No, sir; you never said anything about bills. You said to receive no more books of any kind from Mr. Bell. The question of bills did not come up.

Q. And I did not add anything to it?

A. Well, yes; you did say "until further notice."

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"and these books can be bought under competition for thirty-five cents. There is another edition which sells for even less, and I think it would be fairly serviceable."

Witness testified as to the \$1.67 copy of "Snow-bond" and said it was too fine and costly for a traveling school library.

"Is there any reason why cheap books should not be bought if they are serviceable?"

"There is every reason why they should be bought."

"Do you think as many as fifty books should be put into one traveling library?"

"I think not. In the cases of children's libraries from twenty to thirty would answer."

"These books should not cost over forty to fifty cents each."

Mr. Eggleston said other school libraries would require more than the number mentioned, and some might go up to fifty if properly selected.

The \$2,800 appropriation should have been \$5,000, which would have sent out 185 libraries. The purchase by Mr. Kennedy, where some \$1,100 was spent, resulted in 173 titles. And Mr. Berkeley answering a question at this point, said he had thirty-seven libraries now in the field.

"This list," said the witness, "was not intended to be purchased in full. It was intended to be used as a guide. If I had been buying the books I don't think I would have bought over \$500."

## Underbid Putnam.

"Have you made any comparison between the bid of the Educational Publishing Company and the prices of Putnam?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"What is your opinion as to this?"

"I am very sure the Educational Publishing Company underbid Putnam."

"By how much?"

"I should say about \$400. If all the books had been bought."

"I want to say here that Putnam's statement that anything like four hundred of those books on that list are either paper-bound or out of print is absurd."

Mr. Kennedy undertook to combat this, and the witness said, with good result, in good days' reputation here and now that there are not 300, nor 200, nor even 100 titles on that list that are either out of print or bound in poor paper.

"I am certain that within 75 of these 2,400 books, with good binding, and serviceable for school traveling libraries."

Answering Mr. Kennedy, the witness said he thought \$32 for fifty particular books was about 17 cents each too high.

Referring to this line further, Mr. Eggleston took up the costly copy of "Snow-bond," for which \$1.67 was paid, and turning to Mr. Kennedy, said:

"Now, Mr. Kennedy, to be very frank with you, Putnam had no right to put this book off on you. It is a reflection upon you and a reflection upon Putnam for him to put in this \$2.50 edition of a book which could have been furnished in a serviceable edition for 50 cents."

Mr. Kennedy said he was in a hurry and could not make the examination of all the titles. This was an exception.

"I do not blame you, however, Mr. Kennedy," said the witness.

## Cross-Examined.

By Mr. Kennedy:

Q. Mr. Putnam has sent in a letter that the books actually purchased by me, and sent to us, cost within a shade of \$1,000. That is his statement to me, and I presume it is correct, of course. Now he charged \$1,122 for those books. That is \$122 profits for handling forty-four pairs of list, getting the books from all over the country, boxing them up, and sending them off to us.

A. Well, my reply to that is, I think Mr. Putnam ought to learn how to buy his books at little better prices.

By Mr. Meredith:

Q. Do you feel yourself in a situation in the market by a firm like G. P. Putnam's Sons?

A. I am not criticizing their ability.

At this point Mr. Meredith tried hard to make Mr. Eggleston say that he had presumed to criticize the ability of G. P. Putnam's Sons to purchase books, the result of which was Mr. Eggleston finally said to Mr. Meredith that he would stand by his former answer. Mr.

and of course I understand that. But remember doctors object to internal remedies, Gowan's Pneumonia Cure being external, it is all right for you to use it. We owe it to the children to keep it in the house. I am away so much and will feel absolutely safe for both you and them if you will keep it on hand. It don't cost much—there are three sizes, 25c., 50c., and one dollar. It is worth to me more than an insurance policy. They are only cashed after we are dead. Get a bottle to-day. It not only cures Pneumonia, but coughs and croup and cold as well.

With love,

JACK.

## Gifts to Education by John D. Rockefeller.

Chicago University.....	\$21,000,000
Rush Medical College.....	6,000,000
Other colleges (estimated).....	10,000,000
General Education Board, original gift.....	10,000,000
General Education Board, new gift.....	32,000,000
Total.....	\$79,000,000

## OTHER NOTABLE GIFTS TO EDUCATION IN AMERICA.

Andrew Carnegie—Libraries, universities, etc.....	\$150,000,000
George Peabody—Total educational benefactions.....	7,000,000
Stephen Girard—Girard College.....	5,000,000
Leland Stanford—Leland Stanford, Jr. University.....	20,000,000
William Marsh Rice—Rice Institute, Houston, Texas.....	6,000,000
P. A. B. Widener—Memorial Training School for Crippled Children.....	5,000,000
D. B. Fayerweather—Various colleges.....	4,000,000
Marshall Field—Field Columbian Museum.....	5,000,000
Cecil Rhodes—Anglo-American scholarships.....	10,000,000

Meredith again insisted on an answer, and asked this question:

Q. Mr. Eggleston, with your experience, do you feel yourself in a situation to criticize the book-buying ability of Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons in the market?

A. If I criticized them it was simply because Mr. Kennedy's question was so construed, either consciously or unconsciously, as to call for criticism.

Mr. Eggleston said further:

"Other companies, jobbers, or publishers, could furnish those identical books at cheaper prices than Mr. Putnam did."

## Mr. Kennedy Insisted.